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1. The Photo Reconnaissance Regiment at Havlickuv Brod Airfield ~~4937N-1535E~~, ~~Enclosure A7~~, also known as T.G.M. - 41, (named after Thomas G. MASARYK) was commanded by Col. (fnu) GULIANIC. The regiment was composed of three squadrons, with 10 - 12 Siebel-type aircraft assigned to each squadron and one Siebel transport assigned to the commander. Nine pilots, five radio operators and nine officer candidate navigators comprised a squadron's complement. I heard that the officer candidate navigators were to be replaced by permanent navigators sometime in 1951. Each squadron was made up of three flights. Three aircraft were assigned to each flight. I have no information on the ground strength of the regiment.
2. I do not know to what organization this regiment was subordinate. This information was kept secret at all times. Originally, there were photo reconnaissance regiments at Piestany ~~4836N-1750E~~ (known as M.R.S., named after Milan Rastislav STEFANIK), at Prerov ~~4927N-1727E~~, and at Milovice ~~5014N-1454E~~ until the beginning of 1949. In early 1949, these regiments were disbanded and one photo reconnaissance regiment was formed at Havlickuv Brod and in May 1950, when I was at the Navigation School, I heard that this regiment had moved to Kbely ~~5009N-1434E~~. I later heard that this regiment was transferred to Brno in the Fall of 1950 and then to Mimon ~~5039N-1444E~~ in late 1951 or early 1952. I believe that this unit is still located in Mimon.

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3. Flying activity of this regiment included the use of all 27 aircraft in three squadron formations. Operational training consisted of photo reconnaissance flights over railroad yards and other similar targets using cameras of German origin. Visual reconnaissance flights were made using one aircraft at a time. Sometimes radar interception problems were staged whereby photo reconnaissance aircraft would act as raiders to be intercepted by fighter squadrons which were controlled by the radar station at Pilsen. These raiders were first plotted by the radar station at Tachov 4948N-1238E and then directed to Pilsen. Some aircraft were also used to train anti-aircraft units stationed at Milovice. No actual firing took place during these practice runs and no tow target sleeves were used.

See also Havlickuv Brod Military Airfield.

## Enclosure:

- A. Overlay GSGS 4416, Sheet U-10, 1:100,000, Jihlava, Pinpoint Location of Havlickuv Brod Airfield

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